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Dear Mr. Bremby:

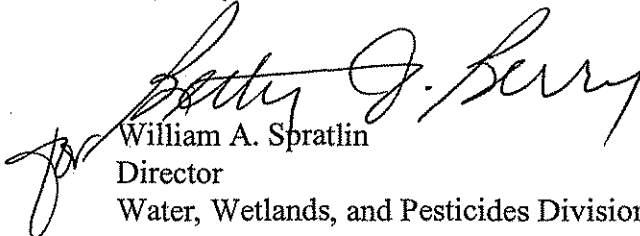
Re: Approval of Kansas TMDLs

This letter responds to the submission from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) originally received by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 30, 2006, for Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) documents which contain TMDLs for Chloride, Sulfate, Selenium, Fluoride, pH, and Dissolved Oxygen. These include thirteen documents which account for 164 waterbodies from the Lower Arkansas River and Upper Republican River basins (see Enclosure A) which were identified as impaired on both the 1996 and 2004 Section 303(d) lists. This submission is in response to the Clean Water Act statutory requirement to develop TMDLs for impairments listed on a state's §303(d) list.

EPA has completed its review of the TMDLs with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, EPA approves the submitted TMDLs. Enclosed with this letter are the Region 7 TMDL Decision Documents which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of the TMDLs. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutants of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

We appreciate the thoughtful effort that KDHE has put into these TMDLs. We will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by KDHE to develop remaining TMDLs.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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